

Storm Sewerage and Drainage

The major natural facilities which drain the Tarboro area are the Tar River and its tributaries, East Tarboro Canal and Hendrick's Creek. Storm sewers extend each of these natural facilities to create twenty-seven minor watersheds within the Town.

There are three problem areas in the storm sewerage system. One area, Howard Avenue, does not drain properly because of a lack of proper street grading. The other two areas, Linden Street at Sunset Avenue and Carolina Avenue in the Hart Mills area suffer from improperly arranged sewerage networks. None of these areas, however, presents a major problem

Storm sewers are required as a prerequisite to subdivision approval. The cost of improvements to the existing system and major drainage facilities are borne by the Town.

Streets and Public Ways

Since Thoroughfares will be the subject of a later section, this part will be primarily concerned with the minor street system.

Within the Town there are approximately 323 acres of streets. Maintenance is the responsibility of the Town and the location and design of future streets are controlled through subdivision regulations. All paving inside the Town is by petition and assessment with the Town assuming one-third of the cost of paving and one-half the cost of curb and gutter. Property owners are assessed the full cost of sidewalk improvements. Paving within the Extraterritorial Area is subject to Town's design standards and specifications, but the cost is borne by the property owner.

Narrow streets do not present a major problem in Tarboro as nearly all streets have right-of-way widths of fifty feet or more. There are, however, numerous unpaved streets, and east of Panola Street the majority of the streets are unpaved.

As mentioned above, the design of future streets in the Planning Area is controlled through subdivision regulations. Major design provisions in the regulations are summarized as follows:

Proposed streets shall be adjusted to the contour of the land to produce useable lots and streets of reasonable gradient. Where new streets extend existing adjoining streets, their projections shall be at the same or greater width but in